

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

***Special Called Meeting***

**AGENDA**

Lumpkin County Courthouse  
Conference Room

Dahlonega, Georgia

May 7, 2007

11:00 A.M.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gooch

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- Citizen Committee Proposals

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**V. ADJOURN**

Chairman Gooch

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2007

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Lumpkin County Courthouse. In addition to Stephen Gooch Commissioners John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle were present.

The Chairman explained the reason this meeting was called by saying it was an outgrowth of the Friday, May 4, 2007 Building Committee meeting.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Clarence Grindle seconded this motion, which was approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Citizens Committee Proposals

The committee presented two proposals to the board at the May 3, 2007 Regular Work Session. Chairman Gooch said the Friday May 4 meeting was originally planned to discuss hiring a construction-manager-at-risk firm. Instead the board met with the Citizens Committee members who were present at that meeting. The meeting today was scheduled to discuss the two proposals. Commissioner Gooch asked the other board members if they want to commit to spending funds to have Clough Harbour & Associates LLP (CHA) study the two proposals. CHA gave a proposed figure to do this of \$8,000.00 - 10,000.00. Chairman Gooch said the higher amount is the most likely figure. CHA will provide estimated costs of implementing each of the two proposals.

Commissioner Raber pointed out that the 2,300 signatures on the committee's petitions are enough to defeat any of the commissioners and he pointed out the importance of listening. Commissioner Hutcheson asked what the time limit would be for CHA to complete their study. She said her concern is that there is no delay in relocating the ball fields. She said she is willing to spend the \$10,000.00 but wants to ensure that the children have a place to play ball. Chairman Gooch said he thinks the \$10,000.00 should be spent so that we can truly assess the two Citizens Committee plans.

*Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to spend up to \$10,000.00 with Clough Harbour & Associates LLP to study the two proposals and provide estimated costs to implement each plan. Clarence Grindle seconded the motion. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

Jim Smulian, Citizens Committee spokesperson, thanked the board for making this decision. Mr. Smulian wanted assurance that the proposed ball fields would fit on the site at the Yahoola Creek Park. He said members of his group had looked at the park site and do not believe that the fields will fit. Chairman Gooch said that the engineering firm had looked at the site and determined that it would fit.

Citizen Bill O'Leksy said he hopes that the board does not focus too narrowly on the two plans but looks at all possibilities. Wayne Grindle asked about assurances concerning the \$214.00 per square foot for construction of the judicial center. Jim Smulian read from the September letter that the County Attorney sent to the Department of Justice concerning SPLOST and the order of project priorities.



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Former Sole Commissioner J.B. Jones said he supports planning for growth but does not think he should have to pay for future growth. Chairman Gooch said the board has already approved money for a feasibility study for impact fees. Commissioner Hutcheson pointed out, however, that impact fees will not only affect those moving into the county but will also anyone who wants to make changes on their property.

Citizen Claude Gilstrap said that he feels good about the decision made this morning and that he thinks this shows that the board is willing to listen to people. Citizen Sue Neil pointed out that it is important to make buildings expandable because otherwise in a few short years we will be in the same situation as we are today.

County Clerk Ruth Bohac will e-mail Jim Smulian when a meeting is scheduled to take place that pertains to the judicial center plans.

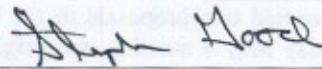
#### ADJOURN

There being no further business at 11:40 a.m. Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn.

*Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

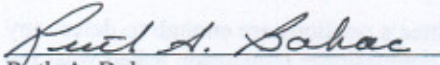
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Date



Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac  
Clerk, Lumpkin County